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**Weather postpones rocket launch from Wallops Island:** Officials have postponed their launch this morning of a two-stage Terrier-Improved Malemute suborbital sounding rocket carrying student experiments from the Wallops Flight Facility until Wednesday because of the weather. The Virginian-Pilot – [Full Story](#)

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**T-storm drops trees, power lines in Louisa, Caroline counties:** Storms moved across central Virginia late this afternoon, dropping lots of rain, toppling trees and triggering tornado warnings in part of the region. The National Weather Service issued tornado warnings for parts of Henrico, New Kent, Hanover, Charles City and King William counties about 5 p.m., but those warnings lapsed about 5:30 p.m. without incident. Richmond Times-Dispatch – [Full Story](#)

**World Championship crowds will ebb and flow next month, organizers say:** Organizers have estimated that about 450,000 spectators are expected to watch the races over the nine days next month. But crowds will ebb and flow throughout the week, with the largest number of spectators packing into the city the final three days. Richmond Times-Dispatch – [Full Story](#)

**Henrico teen with autism found safe: A 17-year-old with autism has been located after Henrico police asked for the public's help. WWBT** – [Full Story](#)

**Deputies find Montvale youngster safe after morning search: A young boy and his dog who were**

**missing in Montvale Tuesday morning were found safe following an hour-long search by the Bedford County Sheriff's Office.** News & Advance – [Full Story](#)

**Regional emergency response group to hold training for community members:** The Charlottesville-University of Virginia-Albemarle County Office of Emergency Management is offering free training in emergency preparedness in September. Orientation for the training, known as the Community Emergency Response Team emergency preparedness program is slated to be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Sept. 10. After orientation, the seven-week course will be held from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. every Thursday from Sept. 17 to Oct. 29. Daily Progress – [Full Story](#)

**Norfolk woman seeks answers after husband disappeared:** Retired firefighter Harold "J.R." Molohon has been missing since August 3, after he left his home without a cell phone. Molohon says her husband, J.R., dropped her off at work that morning. A neighbor later saw him leave his Oceanview area home. WVEC – [Full Story](#)

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**Nearly 200 rescued over 2 days off Ocean City beach (MD):** Dangerous rip currents lead to a very busy couple of days for the Ocean City Beach Patrol, with hundreds of rescues and some people seriously injured. WJZ – [Full Story](#)

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**Search for missing Elizabeth City woman (NC):** Police are looking for a 21-year-old woman that has been missing since Monday afternoon. Jordan Viers was last seen around 1 p.m. Monday walking on N. Road Street near the Pasquotank-Camden library. WVEC – [Full Story](#)

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**Proposed earthquake building codes get researchers, commissioners shaking (TN):** New research from the Bulletin of the Seismological Society of America estimates a 7-7.5 magnitude earthquake will shake the 8 million people on and up to 200 miles away from the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ) for up to 60 seconds. The question that still remains is what date it will hit. FOX13 – [Full Story](#)

**University Researchers to Develop Weather-Forecasting Drone System:** The National Science Foundation has awarded Oklahoma State University and three partner universities \$6 million to develop an integrated unmanned aircraft system to improve weather forecasting through the study of atmospheric physics. The Oklahoman – [Full Story](#)

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**Top EPA official takes responsibility for mine spill:** Colorado and New Mexico made disaster declarations for stretches of the Animas and San Juan rivers and the Navajo Nation declared an emergency as the toxic waste spread downstream toward Lake Powell in Utah. EPA workers

**accidentally unleashed an estimated 3 million gallons of mine waste, including high concentrations of arsenic, lead and other heavy metals, as they inspected the long-abandoned Gold King mine near Silverton, Colorado, on August 5. Associated Press – [Full Story](#); NBC News - Early tests show little threat from Colorado river spill**

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**No bail for couple accused of trying to join Islamic State (MS):** A young Mississippi couple who are charged with attempting to join the Islamic State were ordered held without bail Tuesday, pending federal grand jury action on the charges. Twenty-year-old Jaelyn Delshaun Young and 22-year-old Muhammad "Mo" Dakhllalla, who were arrested at a Mississippi airport just before boarding a flight with tickets bound for Istanbul, went before U.S. Magistrate Judge S. Allan Alexander in Oxford on Tuesday. Associated Press – [Full Story](#); [2 ex-NY students indicted on Islamic State terror charges](#)

**4th night of Ferguson protests brings confrontation, arrests (MO):** Police arrested nearly two dozen people in Ferguson during a fourth consecutive night of demonstrations marking the anniversary of the fatal shooting of 18-year-old Michael Brown. Associated Press – [Full Story](#)

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**Cameras are new tool against wildfires in dangerously dry state (CA):** Firefighters in eight California counties, including Marin and Santa Clara, have a new tool for detecting wildfires. They are using fire-detection cameras atop high peaks that operate day and night. The cameras scan the countryside and are designed to alert emergency command centers when smoke is spotted. [San Francisco Chronicle – Full Story](#)

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